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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Ryuzou TOMOMATSU : GROUP ART UNIT: 2877
SERIAL NO: 09/147,520 : EXAMINER: R. ROSENBERGER
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FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION :
APPARATUS AND SURFACE :
INSPECTION METHOD :

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AMENDMENT

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DEAR SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001, please amend the
above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend the claims as shown in clean form below. A Marked-Up Copy of
the amended claims is attached.**

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 9, and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer, and replace
claims 5, 11, and 12, with the following:

1. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).

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--5. (Thrice Amended) A surface inspection method comprising the steps of: